



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: :  
Suyker et al. :  
 : Group Art Unit: 3743  
Application No.: 09/708,617 :  
 : Examiner: Ragonese, Andrea M  
Filing Date: Nov. 9, 2000 :  
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 : Attorney Docket No.:  
For: Permanently Deformable Connector for : DVME-1005US  
Mechanically Connecting Hollow Structures, :

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

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